

Title: The River Between (9/24)

Pg. 3 –Strangers

Pg. 7-Respected of Tribe- Other elders feared and respected the father. Fathers are the baseline of vision and knowledge.

Pg. 9- In this society, men were expected to show little or no emotion as demonstrated by the ritual circumcision, Men could flinch or flail during this process.

Pg. 12-Rebirth

Pg. 15- Woman overthrown in a typical patriarchal society. The story may be a mythological point to prove a social point. Because of their harshness, men resented their hard hand and took over.

Pg. 20- Why white people came to convert the tribe's people to Christianity?

Pg. 21- Impression of white missionaries

Pg. 25-Mythonia wanting circumcision even without the blessing and consent of her father, a converted Christian.

Pg. 26-Mythonia justifies circumcision. She wanted to be a woman and justifies a circumcision as a rite of passage in the traditions of the tribe in a final step from childhood to womanhood. A circumcision demonstrates a higher level in society as well as wisdom.

Pg. 29-Joshua talks about Christianity. He was devoted to faith and was an extremist. He would punish for committing sin even if it meant beating his own wife. He submits that his daughter is on her own and away from his reign. (Perhaps a reference to Prodigal Son)

Pg. 31-Joshua's new Christianity

Pg. 31-32-Joshua wants people to be more like the white man. Also brings evidence that he is hypocritical in his doctrine and beliefs.

Pg. 33- Joshua leaving early from Church

Pg. 38- Belief that circumcision brings wisdom

Pg. 40-43- Dancing Ritual, a festivity that brings the tribe together before the circumcision. Other people in the tribe see his lack of dancing skills negated by the fact that he holds silent and strong as the operation happens. Livingston could not stand watching the pagan ritual. The book describes that he has changed from energetic to tired after 20 years and little progress made.

Pg. 46-47- Concern of sex

Pg. 53- Identity crisis

Pg. 77- Waikiki having feelings for her and the effect of their relationship.

Concepts:

Father and child relationships: Childs learning came more from the father than anybody else in the family. Children learn about past from father as well as fear him.